

the Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Composer, Swordsman,
Revolutionary Soldier,
Ex-Slave, & the most
famous black Frenchman of the
18th Century!



(Not his music) →

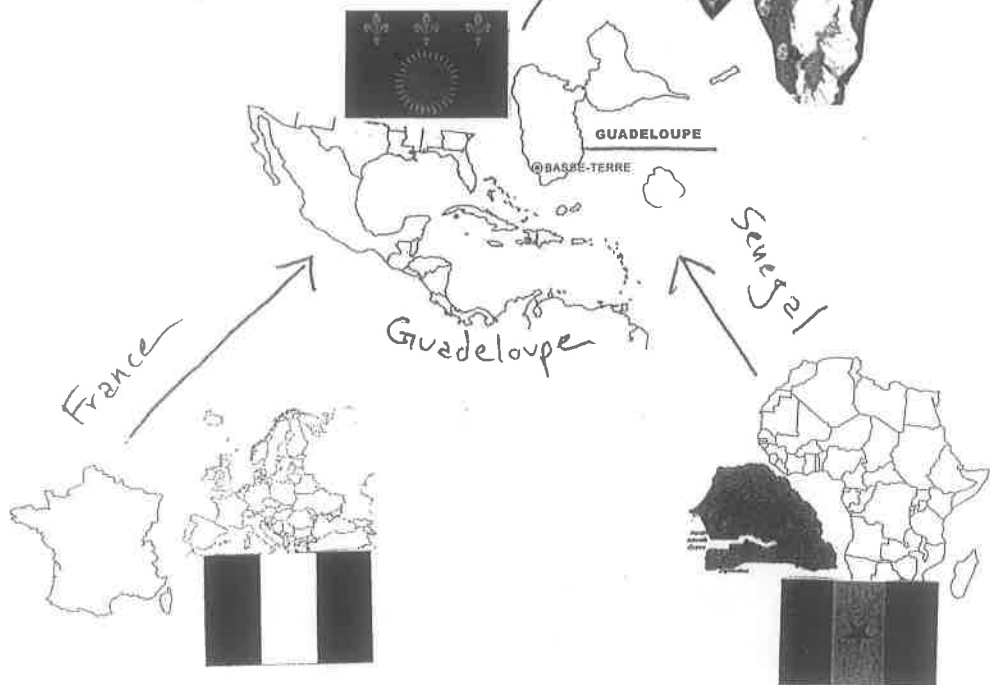
A mostly
trivial
biography!

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Joseph Boulogne was born on Christmas, 1745. His father was a French aristocrat—his mother was a slave from Senegal.

She and her son were freed by him.

Joseph Boulogne
(Chevalier de Saint-Georges)



Unlike most similar cases, his father officially recognised him as his son despite the racial difference.

His dad killed a dude in a duel, & the family fled to France.

"Joseph" changed his name to The Chevalier de Saint-Georges*

He became a virtuos o violinist & famous (at the time) composer — People called him

"The Black Mozart" (but really, Mozart was the "White Chevalier de Saint-Georges").

The aristocracy loved him, despite his skin colour.

He befriended the King & Queen of France.



↑ It's pronounced the same in French either way.

* People fight over whether it's "George" or "Georges"

He was a famous swordsman—
a only 7 years old he
fought the shit out
of a racist &
won his first
duel!

This is a
sad day
for patriots

I want
a sword...

I hope
I win!



In 1787, he dueled for show with
woman called The Chevalier d'Éon
fencing match of the 18th Century,

archy!

Wait, where's
my privilege
got to...?

He had many love
affairs, many
inter-racial. He

was often
called
"the
Black
Don Juan"

Now what do
I base my
superiority on?

Hmmm...

I hope
I win!

* see Anti-Bio
#9 on the
chevalier d'Eon

another "chevalier": an intersex
It was the most progressive
surely. Thousands died. (& prejudices)

He fought for Democracy
in the French Revolution,
& led a regiment of
black soldiers -
including Alexandre Dumas's
dad. *



I'm Robespierre,
& say the
chevalier's
great!

*Yep, Alexandre Dumas was black
Funny how they never stream
mention it in main stuff.



Sorry
King &
Queen!



As with most of Robbespierre's allies, Robbespierre tried to have him beheaded. But he survived in a rousing escape-scene featuring a monkey, a WWII airplane, & 4 fake moustaches.



By 1800 when he died, the Chevalier had already been almost forgotten. The avant-garde writer Roger de Bouvoir wrote a novel about him in 1840, but even today he is very obscure.

Let's stop comparing him to Mozart. Who needs Mozart? Just say:

The Chevalier de Saint-Georges was a hell of a composer!



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